

HONORING THE LIFE & ACHIEVEMENTS OF REV. H.D. DARBY

**HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the selfless leadership and advocacy of Waukegan resident Reverend Henderson "H.D." Darby, who was instrumental in securing the right to vote for Black people in the Jim Crow South.

Rev. Darby first tried to cast his vote in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi in the early 1950s. As NAACP records show, before he could register he was required to pass an oral examination where he was asked obscure questions about the Mississippi and Federal constitutions. Although Rev. Darby answered these unfair questions to the best of his ability, but was simply told, "You did not qualify."

Rev. Darby did not give up. Instead, he sued the county circuit clerk, James Daniel, for access to the ballot box in the 1958 case, *Darby v. Daniel*. His case was among the first federal court attempts to secure voting rights for Black voters. During the suit he was called "extremely radical, if not dangerous" and "bitter for trying to exercise his constitutional right. With help from lawyers from the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund—including future Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall—Rev. Darby prevailed with his case.

Rev. Darby's landmark win granted all African Americans the right to vote without obstruction, such as having to take an oral examination. His lawsuit is estimated to have helped secure voting rights for approximately 1,300 African American voters in Jefferson Davis County, according to *Jet Magazine*. Thanks to the fearlessness of civil rights leaders like Rev. Darby, millions of African Americans have the right to vote today.

At a time when voting rights are once again under attack across the country, we are all served well by learning the stories and honoring the sacrifices of civil rights figures like Rev. Darby. The legacy of these great American heroes, such as Rep. John Lewis, Fannie Lou Hamer, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and so many others must be protected with unwavering commitment to protecting the right to vote.

Rev. Darby's pioneering activism made him a leader before his time. I am honored that he came to call Waukegan, Illinois his adopted home later in life. He lived in our community until he passed away in 1993.

Today, his legacy lives on through his loved ones, including his grandson, Christopher "Brotha" Blanks, who is known in Waukegan for his moving poetry, social activism and advocacy, and the work he does through his nonprofit, Black Abolition Movement for the Mind.

It is my privilege to recognize Rev. Henderson "H.D." Darby for his fearlessness, strength and patriotism. I know that his legacy will continue to live on through his family, friends and all those who learn and are inspired by his shining example.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MR. BRUCE THOMPSON

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bruce Thompson for his achievement on being selected as the 2021 Virginia Business Person of the Year. One of Hampton Roads' most prominent developers and hoteliers, this accomplishment comes after nearly four decades of investing in Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads.

A long-time businessman in Virginia Beach, Bruce opened his first hotel, Ocean House Hotel, around 1982. His overwhelming success led to the founding of Professional Hospitality Resources, Gold Key, a timeshare company, and significant achievements in the restaurant business. Bruce played a major role in establishing high-end hotel and amenities at the Oceanfront and was crucial in the revitalization of the once condemned Cavalier Hotel, turning it into the centerpiece of the Cavalier Resort.

Bruce's dedication and commitment have not been limited solely to the business sphere. He is also very active in politics and philanthropy. Over the years, Bruce has sat on numerous boards and commissions, namely, serving as Hampton Roads' regional finance chair. After his son Josh lost his battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), his family founded a nonprofit that has raised more than \$20 million for stem cell research and other ALS-related causes.

Madam Speaker, I am thankful for Bruce's hard work and service to the entire Virginia Beach community. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Bruce Thompson today and I have full confidence that he will continue to be an integral contributor to the Virginia Beach and Hampton Road community.

**BILL KILPATRICK**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Golden's Chief of Police Bill Kilpatrick for his incredible, 42 year-long career in law enforcement and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement.

Chief Kilpatrick began his career with 10 years on the police force in Englewood, Colorado, during which he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Denver. His commitment to public safety led him to the Golden Police Department in 1989, where he became chief in 2002.

During his tenure, he guided the force through an unprecedented period of growth and achievement, raising the bar for what it means to be a public servant. Among his many accomplishments, he established Crisis Intervention Training programs in Jefferson County, helped found Colorado Crisis Services—the largest emergency mental health service hotline in the state, and was honored with the Colorado Association of Police Chiefs

President's Award in 2011 in recognition of his tireless dedication to his community.

Chief Kilpatrick will be dearly missed on the force, and I wish him the best in his retirement. I thank him for his service and commitment to our community and our state.

RECOGNIZING MRS. BEVERLY CAMP

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Beverly Camp, who tragically passed away just a few weeks ago.

A New York City native, Mrs. Camp and her family moved to the Central Valley when she was just 17 years old. She found a new home in Bakersfield, California, and graduated from West High School in 1979.

Mrs. Camp spent most of her adult life giving back to others. Her philanthropic work in the Central Valley supported countless groups of people. Throughout her life she was able to raise millions of dollars for charity. Together with her husband, Jim, the Camps selflessly served their community and helped lift people out of the most challenging of circumstances.

Mrs. Camp's charitable work was recognized by many different groups throughout her philanthropic career. She was awarded the Community Service Person of the Year Award from the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Humanitarian of the Year Award by the Community Action Partnership, and the Woman of the Year Award for California's 16th Senate District after being personally nominated by Senator Shannon Grover. Additionally, many Catholic charities recognized the work of Mrs. Camp, a dedicated Catholic herself, through their naming of the Beverly Camp Career and Education Center.

Mrs. Camp was a valued member of our local community, and it is with great pride that I recognize her for her life of service in the Central Valley community.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Beverly Camp.

IN HONOR OF 40 YEARS OF ZINGERMAN'S

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 7, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zingerman's Delicatessen in Ann Arbor, Michigan as they celebrate four decades in business. Their significant contributions to our community and their 40 years spent as an Ann Arbor institution are worthy of commendation.

Zingerman's started off as an idea, sparked by a conversation between Ari Weinzwieg and Paul Saginaw noting that Ann Arbor was lacking the traditional Jewish deli that they had back home in Chicago and Detroit, and just a few short years after that idea became reality. On March 15, 1982, they opened their doors